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(U) Fresno – Man Accused of Plotting Mass Shooting Entered Plea in Court

(U) Ger Lee, the Fresno man accused of plotting a revenge shooting that killed four people, pleaded not guilty in Fresno County Superior Court yesterday. Lee is charged with four counts of murder and 12 counts of attempted murder. Lee, along with six other members of the Mongolian Boys Society street gang, are allegedly responsible for the 17 November 2019 mass shooting that killed four people and injured six others.

SOURCE: 11 February 2020, [Fresno Bee](#)

(U) Riverside – Quarantine Lifted for Nearly 200 Evacuees at Military Base

(U) Nearly 200 evacuees ended a two-week quarantine at a Riverside military base where they have been living since flying out of China in the wake of the deadly coronavirus outbreak. Quarantine orders were lifted yesterday for the 195 people held at March Air Reserve Base. None tested positive for the novel coronavirus, which has claimed more than 1,000 lives overseas. The group, many who work for the US Department of State, also underwent a final examination before they were cleared to leave.

SOURCE: 11 February 2020, [ABC 7](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – Anti-Bias Group Reports White Supremacist Propaganda Spreading

(U) New York – Incidents of white supremacist propaganda distributed across the nation jumped by more than 120% between 2018 and last year, according to the Anti-Defamation League, making 2019 the second straight year that the circulation of propaganda material has more than doubled. The Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism reported 2,713 cases of circulated propaganda by white supremacist groups, including fliers, posters and banners, compared with 1,214 cases in 2018. The sharp rise in cases of white supremacist propaganda distribution last year follows a jump of more than 180% between 2017, the first year that the Anti-Defamation League tracked material distribution, and 2018.

SOURCE: 12 February 2020, [SF Gate](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) China – US Says It Can Prove Huawei Has Backdoor Access to Mobile-Phone Networks

(U) Shenzhen – US officials say they have evidence that Huawei has backdoor access to mobile-phone networks around the world, according to a Wall Street Journal article published today. "We have evidence that Huawei has the capability secretly to access sensitive and personal information in systems it maintains and sells around the world," US National Security Adviser Robert O'Brien told the Journal. The United States has long claimed that Huawei can secretly access networks through the networking gear it sells to telcos, but the government previously argued that it doesn't need to show any proof. US officials still are not providing such evidence publicly but have begun sharing their intelligence with other countries, the Journal report said.

SOURCE: 11 February 2020, [Ars Technica](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED**(U) Egypt – Police Forces Kill 17 Terrorists**

(U) Al-Arish – Egyptian police forces killed 17 terrorists during a shootout in the country's restive North Sinai Province, the Egyptian Ministry of Interior said yesterday. In a statement, the ministry said that a tip-off from the National Security Agency indicated that a group of terrorists were detected in a hideout in an area in Obeidat district of al-Arish city, from where they attempted to launch hostile operations. A shootout between police and the terrorists resulted in the death of all 17 extremists, the ministry said.

SOURCE: 12 February 2020, [Asharq Al-Awsat](#)

(U) Netherlands – Two Letter Bombs Exploded in Separate Offices; No Injuries Reported

(U) Amsterdam – Two letter bombs exploded in the Netherlands today, one at an ABN Amro bank mail-sorting office in Amsterdam and the other 140 miles away in a mail room of Japanese electronics group Ricoh, police said. Police reported no injuries and said they were investigating whether the blasts were linked to a string of letter bombs intercepted in the country since early January. Dutch news agency ANP said the sender of the letters had demanded payments in bitcoin. Dutch police declined to provide details, but confirmed that extortion was among the motives under investigation.

SOURCE: 12 February 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Pakistan – Hafiz Saeed, Accused of Mumbai Attacks, Sentenced For Terrorism Financing

(U) Lahore – Hafiz Saeed, accused by India and the United States of masterminding the 2008 attacks in Mumbai, was jailed for 11 years in Pakistan today on terrorism financing charges, a government prosecutor and his defense lawyer said. The Islamist leader was the first high profile figure convicted on terrorism financing charges in Pakistan, which denies regular accusations that it shelters militants. Saeed is the founder of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), or the Army of the Pure, a group blamed by India and the US for the four-day Mumbai siege, in which 160 people, including Americans and other foreigners, were killed.

SOURCE: 12 February 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Russia – Facebook Reports It Dismantled Russian Intelligence Operation Targeting Ukraine

(U) Moscow – Facebook said it had suspended a network of accounts used by Russian military intelligence to seed false narratives online targeting Ukraine and other countries in Eastern Europe. “Although the people behind this network attempted to conceal their identities and coordination, our investigation found links to Russian military intelligence services,” Facebook said in a statement. Facebook said the latest Russian operation used more than 100 accounts on Facebook and its Instagram photo-sharing platform to create fake personas, often posing as journalists in the targeted countries. These accounts then contacted local media and politicians to plant false stories about politically divisive issues, such as corruption allegations, ethnic tensions in the Russian-annexed peninsula of Crimea and the downing of a Malaysian airliner in Ukraine in 2014.

SOURCE: 12 February 2020, [Reuters](#)

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